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4th November, 1998.

Dear [REDACTED]

I know that John Hannaford is a friend of yours.

I was disappointed with his comments in this mornings paper.

I enclose a copy of a letter that I have written to him.

I hope that you can talk to him.

Yours faithfully,

  
J. R. MARSDEN

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Dear John,

It was a very sad day to read your comments in this mornings Herald.

I always thought that you believed in the rule of Law and civil liberties.

True it is that Judge Bell has been charged with a criminal offence.

However, he is still a Judge, he still has the ability to be a Judge and hasn't been found guilty of any offence.

It is interesting to note that this allegation came out of Franca Arena's box. This allegation goes back 30 years and in that time there have been no other allegations against this Judge. If one was a paedophile, then one would have thought that one is always a paedophile.

It may also be of some interest that the 'street talk' is that it is a former male prostitute who is making the allegations.

I am disappointed that you don't understand the seriousness of what is happening in the community.

I am disappointed that you don't understand that the hype in relation to sex offenders is a hype based on the need by them to make compensation claims and the like.

I must say that your attitude disappoints me.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. MARSDEN

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